THE PALMYRA CIRCLE

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ALOHA ISSUE

THIS IS OUR FINAL ISSUE AS A WEEKLY PAPER

AND

AN ALOHA TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE DEPARTING SOON.

Due to the fact that NC 65 has not arrived with the outgoing passenger manifest we are unable to list the passengers for this trip. There are so many people who are expecting to depart in the next few months that it is impossible to list all of the names. The Barnes family are expecting to be going State-side and then expect to be located on Maui when they return from back East. The Christians are expecting to leave in July for a new station on the mainland. Adam Young, another of the old timers is returning to Honolulu. Addie Steed is Big City Bound to meet the Stork and Bob is expecting to be on the same plane to see the Doc. Bill (Doc) Shields is still hoping to get out on the next NC65 to make that trip to Chicago. Miss. Hill, is anxious to get on that plane in Honolulu bound for the mainland.

Mr. Bruner's Gas Line Gangsters, turned out to be a bunch of well behaved and hard working fellows. They have acomplished a lot since they arrived and have been more than co-operative and wherever they could lend a hand, they did it willingly. We hope to see them back again some day.

Mike Kravets, is departing and George Francis, is Honolulu bound on leave. Mumbles Harris is also to be on the plane to see the doctor, from what we hear. The Mortons and Wabson have completed their contracts and are going out soon.

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PALMYRA SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Last Sunday evening after a day of heavy rain, the families and some of the bachelors gathered in the old library to add another page in the history of Palmyra.

Eugene Gregg Morton, the first student to graduate at the Territory of Hawaii's first school to be established on Palmyra Island was about to receive his Diploma.

A stage had been erected in the end that was formerly occupied by the Chaplain's office and at 7.30 P.M. the curtains opened on the first of the plays by the children.

Virginia McEwen served as announcer for a shadow play, called, The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Bryce Kimberling did the prologue, Sherwood Barnes, was Troll the ogre who lived in the stream under the bridge. Melanie Barnes was the Tiniest Billy Goat Gruff, Feadora Eldredge was the second Billy Goat Gruff and Newton Eldredge was Great Billy Goat Gruff. Stuart Mencher assisted the young children with sound effects as the billy gats tramped up the bridge. Eugene Morton, made the frame which held the mountain scene behind which the children worked.

The children did a wonderful job in handling their parts and was the start of an evening of real laughter.

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Graduation Continued.

A marionette play by the older children called, Goblinade, was the second of the plays to be given. The children had constructed a minature stage and made the marionettes. The curtains opened on a woodland scene, and the Goblin, operated by Pauline Hong, entered. He was followed by a maiden operated by Eugene Norton a few moments later. The goblin tried to frighten the maiden but she just thought that he was funny. After she left the stage a beetle operated by Joyce Vander Meer took over with the goblin but finally left by the same route it had entered the scene. The goblin ended his part with a dance and a final bow.

Stuart Menchow told the poem and also supplied the music for the dance, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

The curtains on the main stage opened for the third of the childrens shows. The stage was bare except for a table on which stood a small pitcher of water and a glass. There was a poster on the back wall with a list of subjects about Palmyra.

Then THE GREAT Dr. Booby, The Palmyra Feather Brain, (Stuart Menchow) with his two pretty assistants (Pauline Hong and Joyce Vander Meer) entered for his Famous Quiz Show about Palmyra. Pauline came thru the audience and selected the people to answer the quest ions. They had their choice if the following five subjects, Trees, Fish, Birds, Shells and Miscellaneous.

The audience had started laughing when the Billy Goats Gruff, did their stuff and the laughter grew louder when the little Goblin did his dance, but when Dr. Booby started his Quiz Show the people really let down their hair. It was not long before some of the people had tears in their eyes from laughing at the Brilliant answers to some of the questions. The laughter reached it's peak after the question about which trees had Autumn leaves and Dr. Booby, scratched his head as he looked at his notes andsaid, "Miss. Hill how do you pronounce that word." Right or wrong, the person was rewarded with a candy bar which had been purchased by the children.

The questions were all about Palmyra and had taken serious thought by the children and if some of them had been given serious answers they might have been wrong. However most of the answers were partially correct even if the information given was not the same as it was in Dr. Booby's notes.

After the stage had been cleared, Mr. Hornung presented Eugene Norton with his Diploma. Bryce Kimberling, then presented Eugene with a Silver Lei from the community. The children had collected dimes and had wrapped them in red and yellow crepe paper which was tied with green yarn. Eugene then started to leave the stage but was called back for a speech, which he did very nicely.

Most of the people then went down to the dock warehouse on Monge Island to see movies presented by the officers and crew of the U.S.Coast Guard Ship, Basswood.

The movies started with a community sing which everyone goined in to their fullest extent. Then followed two full shows.

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PALMYRA REPORT
by
PEET.

dEer fOlks:

dA boss aint goin to send da paper equipment to cAnton iSland as some folks been offer for buy it. wE got da only machine on da island whats workin an it been used for makin forms for some da folks so dey dont have make so many carbon copies. dA equipment aint goin to be sold and maybe if you peoples been want it we will poot out one monthly paper. BUT you gotta want it, cause da boss been gona be busy studyfor one tecket. pLanty cops in hOnolulu wood like geeve him tecket for drive too slo or park in da rong place so why study.

dA keeds sure been geeve good shows lass week at da school graduation. dA boss been steel laughin when he get home.

aLoha parties and steak and feesh frys been popular da lass week. fRom da number of folks whats leavin an da number of parties who was geevin who da parties.

fEeshin been good and bad for some folks. rEports been come in dat oNar been catch one tuna so beeg it take two men for lift it from da boat, or was it four men.

hAs any one seen sNuffy sMit around da rEdds wood like for no. dEy been loosin some da cheekens.

dA folks whot been comin on da 65, aint goin no da islan. dA beech been cleaned up between da hotel an da old navy messhall. dA runway been half close down for fix da odder half an new gas an deisel tank farms got da tanks waiten for da concrete foundations. dA tennis court been clean up an da fence is gettin fix. dA bUreau of sTandards houses been all dress up with new color shades. dA hanger been paint one silver color. kHoke, been pull all da weeds in front da hotel an mIke been fix da steps.

wEll i been say aLoha an maybe you been see me in da tRade wInds an maybe not.

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p.s. mAhalo for all da teeps an da stories you been geeve me

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THE CHILDRENS COLUMN.

Summer vacation is here, school is PAU until next September. Some of you will get a chance to travel to other parts of our Great Country and will see new sights and meet many new people. Some of you are expecting to be here another year and you will also meet some new people. There will be new families arriving soon and possibly many new children will be here before school opens again in September. The Editor has hopes that some of the playground equipment will be here before school opens. Most of the equipment on order is for the smaller children, but the larger ones have not been forgotten. If Uncle Otto's plan is approved, the mothers will not have to wonder where the children are, because they will know.

Briefly our plan is a small playground with a fence around it for the tiny tots. It will have one or more beach umbrellas the playground equipment for the tiny tots a sand box and possibly a small play house.

The older children to be located at some other place where the little girls can have a seperate section of a room in which to play house. The boys will have the other section for their room. If possible we hope to be able to partition off a portion for a room for both boys and girls so that they will be able to have a room together as well as their seperate sections. If the plan is approved, it will take a little work on the part of the parents to help fix things up, BUT it will be worth while.

Uncle Otto has faith in what the children can and will do if given a chance, how about a little faith and KOKUA?

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We were going to give the vital statistics in this issue, but as there will be so many changes before the end of the month, that it would be out of date on July 1st.

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The few people who have started gardens and kept them up are enjoying some fresh vegetables. The lettuce and tomatoes seem to be the best crops so far. However bell peppers and horse radish are being grown by the Redds. Marcel has some pumpkins growing behind the school house. Papaia trees will grow and bear provided they are in a sheltered place where the salt laden breezes will not hit them.

In the near future I plan to put out several lime and lemon trees also two grafted Mango trees and a grafted avacado tree when a suitable location can be found.

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FOR THE LADIES.

PALMYRA COCONUT FREEZE

To make about 1½ quarts you will need 6 cups of fresh grated coconut meat. (2 or 3 coconuts) Pour 3½ cups of boiling water over the grated coconut and let stand for 15 minutes. Strain and squeese as much of the milk as possible. Add the coconut water (there should be almost a full cup) and 1 1/8 cups of sugar and about ½ teaspoon vanilla extract. Stir untill the sugar is all disolved.

Put in tray in freeze section of refrigerator and turn adjustments to coldest point. When mix if frozen about ½ thick around the sides of the tray, take out and beat well, then return to tray. The mixture should be stirred with a spoon two or three times before it is frozen solid.

COCONUT PUDDING- Laupai.

From - University of Hawaii, Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 96.

6 cups grated fresh coconut (2 coconuts)
2 cups boiling water

To yield 3 cups extracted coconut milk

For soft pudding- 3 tablespoons corn starch

For stiff pudding- 6 tablespoon cornstarch

3½ tablespoon sugar.

Pour boiling water over grated coconut and allow to stand 15 minutes. Strain through double thickness of cheesecloth or poi cloth, squeezing out as much of the milk as possible. If this does not yield 3 cups, add water poured from the inside of of the coconut to make that amount. Mix cornstarch with sugar and add enough coconut milk to make a smooth paste. Heat remaining milk to the boiling point, slowly stir in cornstarch paste and boil until it thickens. Pour into mold and allow to cool. Stiff pudding may be cut into 2 inch cubes and served on squares of Ti leaves in the Hawaiian style.

Coconuts are used in different stages of ripeness. Spoon coconuts may be chilled and served- the meat to be eaten with a spoon and the liquid drunk through a straw. Halves of young coconut with adhering soft meat may be used as individual containers for fruit cocktail.

The extracted milk from the grated coconut meat may be used in place of cows milk in curries, coconut puddings and frozen deserts The Hawaiians add the coconut milk to cooked chicken, fish or taro leaves near the end of the cooking process.

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THE EDITORS COLUMN.

THIS SPACE IS DEDICATED TO THE MISSING MARINE REPORTER.

It is with regret that I am not able to continue printing the Palmyra Circle as a weekly paper. There are a number of reasons for closing down. My policy has been that the paper be published in the interests of the community. I have always tried to boost our little community, where or when a story was turned in that was not constructive or was of a doubtful nature. The person bringing it in was told that it could run under their name if they want- it published. Most of them were never used.

Some people feel that it should be put out at government expense. That is OK if you can get the materials to use. There was a considerable supply of paper here that had a navy letterhead on it, and some without the letterhead.

There were 41 issues of the paper last year, with an average printing of 100 copies

This year there have been 18 issues with an average of 120 copies each printing.

During the time I have been publishing the Palmyra Circle I have used all the stories and histories of the island that were obtainable. The birds and plants, as described by Dr. Castle, in his papers for the instruction of the service men here on the island, was used.

Lack of co-operation is another reason for discontinuing the paper as a weekly. Station Manager Robert Hall has been very co-operative. He has made information available to me when he has had it so that it could be printed as soon as possible. Some of the other departments have been equally co-operative.

There is a possibility that some one of the new personel expected here might take over and run the paper as a weekly.

I have the machine and several months supplies which can be used until some arangement can be made for material and equipment.

I have been ask by a number of people not to discontinue it as a weekly. Without help there is nothing else for me to do.

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The fishing news is missing because the Marine Reporter has not been near the office yesterday or today. The boys must have found out who he was and dumped him over the side.

Omar is reported to have caught a tuna Saturday evening that is estimated to weigh around 100 pounds.

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